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## LINE FROM HERE TO KANSAS CITY

INTERURBAN, FOR WHICH SURVEYS HAVE BEEN MADE, WOULD CARRY OIL.

## PLAN A LARGE REFINERY

Idea Originated With Late E. H. Harriman—Option Already Taken on Plant and Site

An interurban electric line from Tulsa to Kansas City, is to be built for the purpose of transporting crude oil from the fields in this vicinity to a mammoth new refinery that will be erected at Kansas City, Kas.

The project, it is said, is based on the hope of obtaining part of the business that may be cast aside by the removal of the Standard Oil company's refinery from Sugar Creek.

A group of wealthy oil producers of Chautauque and Montgomery counties, Kansas, are said to be behind the project. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the plant of the Pioneer Lined and Lead company at Twenty-second street and Muncie boulevard in Kansas City, Kan., and forty acres of land in the north bottom of Kansas City, Kan., at the foot of Greeley avenue. Independence, Kan., has voted \$30,000 to assist in the interurban project.

### Option Secured.

In an interview at Kansas City Saturday night Herbert H. Clark, owner of the Pioneer plant, stated that the reported project was a reality and that R. S. Morley, of Tulsa, had paid him \$10,000 for an option on the land mentioned and on the plant. There are two and a half acres of land and nine buildings which comprise the plant, which has been closed several years.

Mr. Clark said that Mr. Morley came to him two months ago with a proposition to buy the land. Mr. Clark says he is trustee for the estate of A. A. McIntire which owns the plot of forty acres at the foot of Greeley avenue. The option, he said, was for ninety days, of which thirty remain. The price was to be \$125,000 for the plot and the plant.

### Started by Harriman.

Mr. Clark relates a wonderful story of how the late E. H. Harriman planned to fight John D. Rockefeller and his little old Standard oil company with a project that had its origin in the Tulsa-Kansas City, Kan., electric line and oil plant.

"I was sent into Oklahoma by Mr. Harriman as his agent to plan the fight," said Mr. Clark. "The first thing I did was to get leases on oil property and then have a survey made for an electric line from Tulsa to Kansas City, passing through Nowata, Independence, Cherryvale, Coffeyville and following the Kansas City Southern into Kansas City, Kan., entering over the north bottom of the Kansas side. A huge refinery was to be built there with a capacity of twenty thousand barrels daily to handle the crude oil brought in over the electric line.

### Would Operate Barges.

"Then we were to have a barge line down the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. Each barge was to carry ten carloads of oil and all its products. Tank stations were to be established at Jefferson City, St. Louis, Cairo, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and New Orleans. The products were to be distributed from these stations. Crude oil was to be carried to New Orleans for use on the Harriman line of steamships. Then the barges were to go down to Tampico, Mex., and get loads of crude oil from the Harriman wells there. Then this oil was to be towed back to Kansas City to be refined.

"All the surveys were completed for the interurban lines and I took them to Mr. Harriman. Mr. Harriman died in September, 1909. A few days before his death I talked with him and he said that he was failing and that he had given the surveys over to J. Pierpont Morgan, who was to carry out the plan. I lost out then for I was not close to Morgan.

### Booth Behind Movement.

"Now there is a Thomas Booth, who is a millionaire oil man of Tulsa and Independence. Booth was a protégé of Harriman's and I believe that Morgan gave him the surveys and that it is Booth who is now behind the undertaking in company with other millionaires. However, I do not believe it is intended to carry out the barge line part of the plan nor do I believe that it is planned to fight the Standard oil as hard as Harriman would have done had he lived.

"I was driven out of the oil business at my Kansas city plant in 1909 when the Standard opened up on me. The plant has since been closed."

### Well Known Rate Man Dead.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 21.—Charles H. Ivers, 59, one of the most widely known rate experts west of the Mississippi, and formerly prominently connected with railroads in St. Louis, died here tonight. Among his children are Mrs. Phil Keating and Charles Ivers, of Dallas, Texas.

## FIRE AT THE TEXAS REFINERY

Barrel House Destroyed But Main Plant Is Untouched.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., April 21.—A fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the barrel house at the Texas refinery plant here tonight. The flames were discovered at 6:45 o'clock tonight by one of the employees and inside of an hour the fire was under control, the firefighting apparatus of the company working perfectly. The officials of the company tonight could not estimate the damage but stated that the usual routine at the plant would not be interfered with.

### Court House Destroyed.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 21.—Fire starting in a livery stable destroyed the county court house at Dardanelle, Ark., tonight. The loss is placed as high as \$25,000. The fate of the county records which were stored in a vault is not known, but it is feared that they were destroyed or badly damaged. The origin of the fire is not known.

### Thomas Tosses Towel.

NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—Joe Thomas of New Orleans was saved from a knockout in the eighth round of a ten round fight with Charley White of Chicago here tonight when his seconds threw up the sponge. Thomas fought back gamely after being knocked down eight times in the second round.

## MRS. REUTER MAY NOT BE IN COURT

POSTPONEMENT OF HER TRIAL MAY BE HAD ON ACCOUNT OF HER ILLNESS.

## AN OPERATION NECESSARY

Her Attorneys Say She Will Go to Hospital in Few Days—County Going Ahead.

Mrs. Laura M. Reuter is ill. She may be taken to the hospital any day now for a serious operation. There is little likelihood that she will be able to be at Bartlesville on May 16, the date on which her murder trial is set.

This information comes direct from one of her attorneys. It was given out Saturday night at Bartlesville, for publication, by Attorney J. B. Charlton. Inquiry in Tulsa yesterday developed the fact that Mrs. Reuter really is suffering from an ailment. The county officials, who have charge of the prosecution of her case, have been receiving rumors for some little time, along this line, but they have gone right ahead with the preparations for trial, and will continue to do so until physician's certificates are presented, showing that it will be a physical impossibility for her to withstand the strain of a court trial, as early as May 16. It may be that she will emerge from the rumored forthcoming operation successfully and be completely recovered by the time the trial is to start. Those things, however, are only problematical.

Mrs. Reuter herself has given out no intimation of the seriousness of her ailment, and little if anything was known of it until Attorney Charlton, who lives at Bartlesville, gave out the interview last Saturday night.

If Mrs. Reuter is able to be in court on May 16, there is likelihood of her going to trial before some time late in the summer or maybe not until next fall. District Judge Hudson had to rearrange his whole docket in order to give the case as early a setting as he did.

Over 150 witnesses have been summoned by the state and the defense. In the case, they are all ordered to appear in Bartlesville. The expenses to Tulsa county for transportation, expense and fees of witnesses will be something enormous. The trial of Joe Baker and Guy Mackenzie, alleged accomplices of Mrs. Reuter in the killing of her husband cost the county over \$10,000 for witnesses and similar expenses. The trial at Bartlesville, on account of the additional transportation, etc., will amount to twice that much more. A postponement also will be an extra burden.

### Made New Hammer Record.

CHICKASHA, Okla., April 21.—(Special.)—At the county track meet held here a new high school state champion leaped into prominence and now stands ahead of them all as a weight man. J. R. Welborne, known as the boy giant, is the new champion. He broke the record by throwing a 12 pound hammer a distance of 152 feet and 4 inches.

### Scalded to Death.

HENRYETTA, Okla., April 21.—(Special.)—The 1-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watson was fatally scalded when an elder child in the family accidentally overturned a pan of boiling water upon the baby. The little fellow's body from the waist down was scalded.

## GRAVE CONCERN OVER "JAP LAW"

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION IS DISAPPOINTED AT LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA.

## MAY BE DECIDED IN COURT

Question of Right of Japanese to Become Citizens Has Never Been Determined.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—News of the determination of the legislative leaders in Sacramento to frame and pass an alien land-owning bill, directly discriminating against the Japanese, unofficially conveyed today to the White House and state department, was received with grave concern and disappointment. Such a development had not been expected. In view of the first favorable comments in California, upon the president's suggestion that regard be had for preservation of the friendly relations between this country and the Oriental nations.

### The Probable Terms.

Without exact knowledge of the form discrimination will take in the new bill, officials here assume that it will resemble the so-called assembly measure, which proposed to bar from land holding persons ineligible to citizenship, which covers only the Chinese and Japanese.

The administration is not yet at the end of its resources and will continue its efforts to ameliorate harsh features of the projected legislation until the measure is beyond reach of amendment in that direction.

### Message to Johnson.

While the president has in his message to Governor Johnson, transmitted through Secretary Bryan, recognized the right of the people of California to legislate according to their judgment on the subject of land tenure, he also is under the obligation of guarding against encroachment by state legislation upon that part of the field of international relations reserved by the constitution to the national government. Therefore, in the event the California legislation takes the form of direct discrimination against the Japanese in violation of what the administration itself regards as their treaty rights, the national government itself might enter the lists against the state of California, before the judicial tribunals of the land.

### Government's Position.

In the ordinary course the initial step would be taken by Japanese individuals or corporations in California, whose lands are sought to be escheated. But it is fully expected that the department of justice would come forward as an interested party, throwing the weight of the United States government into the scale in defense of the treaty rights of the Japanese. If the state courts should uphold such a statute, the case would be appealed to the United States circuit court and almost certainly, by one party or the other, taken to the United States supreme court, which tribunal has never yet passed upon the Japanese claim of the right of naturalization in the United States.

### Important Development.

An important development of the anti-Japanese legislation to challenge the correctness of the figures and the statements relative to the extent of the so-called Japanese invasion of California, telegraphed to Washington from Sacramento by the legislative leaders, in answer to Representative Baker's request. For some time past, quiet search has been made of the records of the United States immigration bureau and of the California tax offices and other places where data might be found bearing upon the precise number of Japanese landholders in California and the extent of their holdings and these figures will be laid before the state department.

### Fought Helena School.

A fight was made on the Helena school because of a committee report to abolish it, but the house passed the appropriation bill by a safe majority. House bill to appropriate \$25,000 for maintenance of a state training school for incorrigible girls, to be located later, and the house finally and now goes to the senate. Appropriation bills were also passed for the state hospital, for insane at Vinita and the orphan's home at Pryor.

### Twenty-Four Years Old Today.

(BY GLENN CONDON.) Just twenty-four years ago today a bunch of sturdy pioneers, in wagons, on horseback, a stride bicycle and afoot lined up at the place now known as Oklahoma City. United States troops held the anxious mob in order until promptly at noon, when the crack of rifles was heard. The race was on! By nightfall hundreds of claims had been staked out. Oklahoma was opened!

### COLORED FARMERS.

A meeting of the colored people of the state who are interested in agriculture matters and the international dry farming congress, has been called for Thursday, April 24, at Tulsa, the day of the state farm conference here.

### Died from Fit of Coughing.

PARTLESVILLE, Okla., April 21.—(Special.)—A coughing spell proved fatal to Henry Hanson, a well-known resident of this city. Hanson had been working in his garden all afternoon and just before supper sat down upon the porch to rest. He began coughing and in a few minutes fell from his chair and expired before a physician could reach him.

### Oklahoma Charters.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 21.—Charters were issued Monday to these corporations by the secretary of state, Ben Harrison: First Presbyterian church of Lehigh, no capital stock; incorporators, Frank Bower, J. R. Hendrix, M. F. Landon, C. E. Johnson, H. D. Hardy and George C. Loefer, all of Lehigh. Maramee Lodge No. 239 I. O. O. F. of Maramee, no capital stock; incorporators, E. E. Ryan, George W. Laxson and Louis Lemmerville, all of Maramee.

## WILL PASS THE BILL OVER VETO

GOVERNOR CRUCE RETURNS MEASURE ABOLISHING STATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.

## SOLONS ARE GETTING EVEN

Pet Office of Chief Executive Is Doomed For Destruction This Time.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 21.—(Special.)—For the second time since the fourth legislature convened Governor Cruce today vetoed a bill abolishing the office of state prohibition enforcement officer. The governor prepared a message which was returned with the vetoed measure to the house late this afternoon, but was not read. The legislature expects to be able to pass the bill over the executive head this time as the measure does not carry the emergency. Practically the same reasons as were assigned when he vetoed the bill during the regular session were given by the governor for his action today. The chief one being that the prohibitionists of the state demand state enforcement.

### Republican Redistricting Bill.

Representative Vossburg on behalf of the republican minority offered a bill creating six democratic and two republican congressional districts but it was ruled out of order by Speaker Maxey, as not coming within the Governor's message. It will be offered as a substitute of the house bill on the floor when the latter comes up. The bill creates eight contiguous districts of equal population.

Both houses spent almost the entire afternoon passing appropriation bills a conference report was adopted by both houses on a bill appropriating \$34,000 for support of the Edmond normal school. The house passed finally bills making appropriations for all the district agricultural schools of the state including the Broken Arrow school each receiving about \$25,000.

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## PUT UP TO THE SUPREME COURT

QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO BE PASSED ON BY HIGHEST AUTHORITY.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE U. P.

Tentative Plan Presented by President Lovett for Reorganization of Harriman Lines.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 21.—Presentation of a motion for an extension of time until July 1, which was taken under advisement to the court and informal presentation of the revised plan for the dissolution of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railway merger, marked the conference here today between Robert S. Lovett of the Union Pacific and United States Circuit Judge Walter B. Sanborn, William C. Hook and Walter L. Smith.

Mr. Lovett's motion for an extension was at first denied, the judges being undecided whether the court of appeals had the jurisdiction to grant an extension under the mandate of the supreme court of the United States, but later it was decided to leave the question of jurisdiction to the supreme court.

### Judges Agree.

All three of the judges expressed their opinion that the extension should be granted, believing the railway was doing all in its power to present a plan of dissolution that would be acceptable to the supreme court and to the attorney general.

In a telegram to District Attorney C. C. Hough, which was read to the court, Attorney General McMeekin declared his willingness for the desired extension.

Upon information from the supreme court as to the jurisdiction of the circuit judges, the court of appeals may convene to act on Mr. Lovett's motion. It will be some time, however, before this is done.

### To the Supreme Court.

Mr. Lovett and his associates left late today for Washington to place the time extension motion before the supreme court.

Following his presentation of the motion, Mr. Lovett informally presented to the court tentative plans for the dissolution. A synopsis of these plans was given to the judges, the principal points being as follows: "The amended plan in brief is that the entire \$128,559,000 in Southern Pacific stock to be distributed shall be deposited with a trustee and distributed while so held, that certificates of interest shall be issued by the trustee against such shares which shall carry no voting weight and which shall be exchangeable for Southern Pacific shares held by the trustee, only upon the filing of an affidavit by the applicant for such exchange, showing that such applicant does not own one thousand shares or more of Union Pacific stock; and that those certificates of interest shall be offered subscription and purchase to all Union Pacific stockholders ratably at a distribution ratio not less than 25 per cent.

### Cut Out Big Stock Holder.

The largest Union Pacific stockholder (367 in number, according to the September stock list, which was before the supreme court) are by this amended plan entirely excluded from the acquisition of any of the Southern Pacific shares to be distributed. They may purchase their ratable shares of the certificates of interest, but they cannot themselves convert the certificates of interest into the desired company, which represent Southern Pacific shares, because of their inability to comply with the condition precedent or swearing that they do not own one thousand or more shares of Union Pacific stock. The exchange cannot be effected for them through some dummy or an agent, because the proposed affidavit requires the applicant to swear that he is the bona fide owner of the certificate of interest presented for conversion.

### Specifically Disqualified.

"The objection expressed in the supreme court's opinion of January 6, 1913, is therefore absolutely valid for

the 268 Union Pacific stockholders for whom alone the objection pertained, instead of being entitled as their pro rata share to 25 per cent of Southern Pacific stock and being theoretically able to increase this holding by acquisition of rights from the smaller shareholders, are not entitled to acquire one single share of Southern Pacific stock to be distributed, but are specifically disqualified from such acquisition."

### Governor Mann in Hospital.

EDMUND, Va., April 21.—Governor William H. Mann was today operated on for appendicitis at a Richmond hospital and in spite of his 69 years, he rallied like a much younger man. The physicians say tonight that his condition is entirely satisfactory.

### Blew Out His Brains.

CHECOTAH, Okla., April 21.—(Special.)—Without assigning any reason for the deed, Fred Goodrich, a blacksmith, committed suicide by blowing out his brains with a revolver. Goodrich took his life while his wife was in another room cooking breakfast.

### Young Wife Suicides.

CLINTON, Ok., April 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gerda Thomas, who lived south-west of this city, committed suicide by firing the contents of a loaded shotgun into her forehead. She was 22 years old and left a husband and three children. No reason was assigned for the act.

## PLANS ALL SET FOR CONFERENCE

RECEPTION COMMITTEE OUTLINED THEIR WORK AT LUNCHEON YESTERDAY

## WOMEN TO BE PROMINENT

All of the 2,000 Visitors Expected will Be Taken to Headquarters as They Arrive.

Final preparations for the reception of the 2,000 delegates and visitors expected here Thursday to attend the state development conference were made yesterday when the reception committee met with the general local committee at luncheon in the Elks club. Every detail has now been completed and those in charge assert that the conference will be the most successful ever held in the southwest. Speakers of note have been secured and every detail of the day's program worked out for the best advantage of the visitors.

Thirty-five men sat down to lunch at the meeting yesterday and volunteered their services for Thursday. Over 80 requests had been sent out to men to act on the reception committee. Of this number 25 responded. Twenty automobiles have been donated for use on Thursday and more could be used. A registration booth will be opened up in the lobby of the Hotel Tulsa Wednesday afternoon, which will be in charge of the reception committee. A free information booth equipped with telephones will also be installed for the benefit of the visitors.

The reception committee will meet in the Hotel Tulsa with Chairman J. Burr Gibbons at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The band will also be there at that time and from then on throughout the rest of the day, the band and members of the reception committee will meet the visitors as they alight from the trains.

All visitors will be taken to the registration headquarters, where they will be given the proper badges. Four different kind of badges have been provided. One, a strictly Tulsa badge, for the Tulsa people, a delegate badge, a reception committee badge and a press badge. These will be pinned on by Special Dry Farming Congress buttons of which 17,000 have been purchased.

In the afternoon the visiting ladies will be taken on an automobile tour of the city accompanied by the Tulsa ladies.

The general arrangements committee which met the reception committee yesterday is composed as follows: R. W. Purpus, chairman; J. A. McKee, secretary; Stuart Pearce, Max Madansky, Judge S. J. Gubser, et al. C. C. Williams, C. A. Sanderson, C. E. Bender and Walter Allen. The reception committee is as follows:

J. Burr Gibbons, chairman; J. B. Bartlett, Dan Hunt, Ralph S. Harvey, S. W. Parrish, G. H. Johnson, Dan J. Davidson, J. I. Gillespie, A. A. Hatch, Eugene Lorton, L. R. Renbrook, O. H. Leonard, A. V. Davenport, E. H. Cliffe, Fred S. Clinton, George T. Williamson, T. A. Hopkins, Conn Linn, F. W. Dunn, W. W. Neal, J. S. Hoppe, A. F. Robertson, O. E. Upp, Philip Kates, W. A. Brantley, E. L. Orr, W. B. Craig, A. D. Young, N. H. Graham, W. E. Gordon, T. H. Steffen, W. F. Henry, E. E. Vassant, Garland Murra and Charles West.

The women will play an important part in the conference here Thursday. Indications point to an attendance of at least 200 women and are—

## STOCK JUGGLING CAUSED SUICIDE

MANAGER OF SKIRVIN HOTEL KILLED HIMSELF OVER FALSE ISSUE OF STOCK.

## DIRECTORS MAKE STATEMENT

Fred Scherubel Could Have Made Good His Claims, But Killed Himself Instead.

LAHOMA CITY, April 21.—(Special.)—It developed today that the death of Fred Scherubel was not the result of an accident, as first given out by his friends and relatives of which he was manager, but that financial trouble in all probability drove him to take his life. Fred Scherubel, director of the Skirvin Hotel company, in a statement here today, admitted that the facts were covered up at first through deference to the dead hotel manager's family and that developments that grew out of a meeting of directors of the hotel company in progress when the tragedy occurred probably furnished the motive for the suicide. The statement of Mr. Skirvin which throws new light on the tragedy follows:

### Called for Statement.

"At the directors' meeting, Thursday for the first time, Mr. Scherubel was called on for a detailed statement of the organization of the company which operates the Skirvin hotel. He had represented that the organization of the company, he had paid for all of the stock issued to him. He was, at this meeting asked to produce vouchers, showing the initial capital invested and the expenditures thereof, he left the meeting to procure same with the promise that he would return an hour later. He did not return, but was found dying in his own room an hour after the time appointed for his return.

### Could Have Made Good.

"Since his death the papers showing the condition and to which he had referred, have been found. They disclose the fact that he had not paid for all of his stock, as he had represented. He could have made good but his nature was super-sensitive and rendered more so by his physical condition.

"The only difference to the company would have been and will be to diminish the value of the balance of the stock, and the stockholders could and would have borne this as they anyway must."

### Took His Own Life.

The coroner's inquiry has been suspended until Wednesday. The jury first took up the theory that Scherubel might have been murdered by some one who would have been injured by possible revelations made by vouchers which the stockholders had required the manager of their hotel to produce. Testimony of the bookkeeper, however, was positive that the revolver which blew out Scherubel's brains was in the private office of the hotel manager a few moments before the tragedy, that he entered the room and put on his coat, that although the bookkeeper did not notice it, Scherubel must have put the weapon in his pocket, as it was missing after he was gone, and that it was practically certain that no one else entered the office at that time but Scherubel.

### Lost Fortune at Poker.

According to testimony of Warren Gill, a poker game was run in the hotel, over which Morris Brown, the assistant manager, had supervision, and Scherubel owed him money. Gill also testified that "Brown was \$10,000 in" expressing the opinion that he had lost the money by investing it in two small hotel properties in this city which Gill declared to be gambling houses.

Brown, according to testimony, had authority to open Scherubel's mail and assist him in other details of the hotel management. All the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Scherubel led to surmises that financial motives caused the deed, but close friends decline this story strenuously.

### Driven to Madness.

It developed later, however, that Scherubel, only a few minutes before he was found dying in the bath room of his apartment in the hotel, had been attending a meeting of the stockholders of the hotel where he had been asked for an accounting of the business, that he was sent out to get some vouchers to explain certain business transactions and that he did not return with them to face the stockholders, but went to his room where from all indications he took his own life, driven to madness by possible financial ruin.

### Upton Sinclair Is Married.

Famous author "Hooked Up" in Virginia—To Live in Holland. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., April 21.—Upton Sinclair, the writer, and Miss Mary Craig Kimbrough, daughter of Judge and Mrs. A. McKim Kimbrough of Greenwood, Miss., were married here tonight at the home of Mrs. John Burman, a relative of both bride and groom. The couple left for New York. They expect to make their home in Holland.